

AFFIDAVIT

Case Number: 2015 - 60968

STATE OF TEXAS {}
COUNTY OF HIDALGO {}

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, Nancy C. Pena a peace officer in and for the City of McAllen, Texas, Hidalgo County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Jorge Sandoval who after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says:

My name is Jorge Sandoval. I was born on [REDACTED]. My telephone number is [REDACTED] I am employed at [REDACTED]

My coworker, Angel Beas and I left work and we went to the bank to make a deposit at the IBC at La Plaza Mall. We drove out of the mall parking lot. We drove onto Wichita traveled east to S. 10th Street. We then headed south on 10th Street. We were both in my vehicle. I was driving.

We were in the area of the swimming pool, near Bales and 10th Street. Angel and I both noticed the small aircraft in the air. It seemed to us that the small aircraft was stopped in the air. The aircraft was to the east of 10th street ahead of us. It was angled the way aircraft are angled when they are taking off. The wind was strong. We knew that because as we were leaving the mall, Jorge said to me that it was going to rain because of the way the wind was gusting.

I saw the aircraft turn to the right. It seemed that it wanted to return to the airport but at the same time I told Angel "Why did he turn right" then it seemed to me that the wind got a hold of the aircraft because the plane went down. I saw the left wing go north and the aircraft went down.

There was no immediate explosion or fire. We drove into the levee area, where there was some construction workers. A truck got stuck in the mud area and we were not able to drive through there so we had to drive around and try to get to the aircraft from another direction. At this time we saw smoke coming from the crash site. I parked as close as I could to the brush area. I parked my expedition and we ran through the brush area. We thought maybe we could help.

When we got to the crash site, there was some fire. I could see two bodies, the bodies were still, they were not moving.

Angel called 911 as soon as we saw the plane go down.

When I saw the aircraft turn right and I said out loud to Jorge, "why did he turn right". I have a hobby of flying small planes (about 5 feet long) and helicopters with a scale. I have been doing this for about 6 years. To fly these items, I have to register with AMA. I know that since he turned to the right the wind/air would take the plane. I am not a pilot but I know that with my planes. The wind will carry them away.

[REDACTED]
AFFIANT

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a peace officer while engaged in the performance of my duties and under the authority of Chapter 602.002. Texas Government Code, on this the 17th of July, 2015.

Nancy C. Pena # 3731

Name of Peace Officer and ID. NO.: (printed)

[REDACTED]
Peace Officer in and for the City of McAllen,
Hidalgo County, Texas

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, Nancy C. Pena a peace officer in and for the City of McAllen, Texas, Hidalgo County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Angel Baez who after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says:

My name is Angel Beas. I was born on [REDACTED] My telephone number is [REDACTED] I am employed at [REDACTED]

My coworker, Jorge Sandoval and I left work and we went to the bank to make a deposit at the IBC at La Plaza Mall. He was driving. We were in his vehicle. We drove out of the mall parking lot onto Wichita and then on 10th Street heading south to Hidalgo.

As we left the mall, I told Jorge that it seemed weird out. I told him I thought it was going to rain or something and the wind got real strong.

Ahead of us in the air, we saw a small aircraft. It was angled and it seemed like it was having trouble. I told Jorge that it, the aircraft, was not going to make it. The aircraft seemed to be stopped in the air. It then down turned right. Jorge said "why did it turn right". The aircraft then went straight down. It crashed in the brush area.

I told Jorge that we needed to go because maybe we could help someone.

I called 911.

As we turned into the area where we thought the plane had crashed. There was a tractor ahead of us, the kind that pushes the dirt to a side. That tractor got stuck. Jorge then reversed and drove around. We thought maybe we could get to it from the other side. We did see some of the construction workers running to the crash site. I am not sure but there was about 3 or 4 of them running in the direction of the crash.

Jorge parked the expedition on the south side of the brush area and we both got off his expedition and ran through the brush.

When we got to the crash site, the plane was in flames. I started to yell, "Sir, Sir". I yelled it several time thinking that maybe I would get a response but the male did not move. The fire got hotter.

Jorge told me that there was a second person. I had not seen that I had only seen the one that was on the left side. The plane and the bodies were fully engulfed.

I did not see the men move at all. I think they were deceased before the fire was fully engulfed.

Not long after we arrived, the firemen arrived and they put out the fire.

[REDACTED]
AFFIANT

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Nancy C. Pena # 3731

Name of Peace Officer and ID. NO.: (printed)

[REDACTED]
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Peace Officer in and for the City of McAllen, Hidalgo County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Marco Antonio Zuniga, who after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says:

My name is Marcos Antonio Zuniga and I live at [REDACTED]

I was born on [REDACTED] and I am 26 years old. My home telephone no. is [REDACTED]. I am employed by [REDACTED], located at [REDACTED] Telephone no. [REDACTED]

is [REDACTED] (Description: Male/Female, Hair [REDACTED])

On August 17th 2015, at approximately 1853 o'clock AM ☐ / PM ☐

Victor and I got to the motor cross and I got off the truck. I stood by the bed of my truck looking at messages. I noticed the wind was blowing really hard, which drew my attention to the airplane. I noticed the motor sounded really heavy. I looked away for a couple of seconds when I heard the bang of the crash. I looked up to look for the airplane and I saw that it was not there and I knew that it fell. I took Victor to look for the plane. It took me seconds to get there. When I got there the plane was on fire. The people inside of it were not moving or anything. I tried to help but I could not do anything.

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August 17th

[REDACTED]
AFFIANT

Det. M. Jimenez #9691

Name of Peace Officer & I.D. NO. : (printed)

[REDACTED]
Peace Officer in and for the City of McAllen,
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Peace Officer in and for the City of Mcallen, Hidalgo County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Victor Manuel Luna Jr., who after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says:

My name is Victor Manuel Luna Jr. and I live at [REDACTED]

I was born on [REDACTED] and I am 21 years old. My home telephone no. is ([REDACTED]). I am employed by [REDACTED], located at [REDACTED] Telephone no. [REDACTED]

is [REDACTED] (Description: Male/Female, Hair [REDACTED])

On August 17th 2015, at approximately 1853 o'clock AM ☐ / PM ☐

I arrived at the motor cross with Marco Zuniga and was waiting for friends to arrive with ATVs. I heard the wind gust through the windows and it brought a bunch of dirt. I did not see the plane but Marco told me he saw a plane. I heard a loud bang. Marco told me the plane had crashed. I just saw a large black cloud of smoke coming from the wood area. Marco and I instantly got in the truck and we went to where the plane crash was. At 6:53 pm I called 911 and Marco went to the scene to see if he could help and I went behind him. When I got there everything was popping and the plane was on fire, so we retreated. About 2 minutes passed and we went back and waited there for help. The two people were DOA (dead on arrival) at the scene and they were burned.

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[REDACTED]
AFFIANT

Det. M. Jimenez #9691
Name of Peace Officer & I.D. NO. : (printed)

[REDACTED]
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2015-54139

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, **Francisco de Leon** a peace officer in and for the City of McAllen, Hidalgo County, Texas, on this day personally appeared **Diana Castagna**, who after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says:

My name **Diana Castagna** and I reside at [REDACTED] My Date of Birth is [REDACTED] and I am **33** years of age. My telephone number is [REDACTED]. I am currently unemployed.

On August 17, 2015 I was at home with my husband James Joseph Castagna. We had dinner and he left before 6:00 PM to work at American Aviation Flight School in McAllen, TX. James is a pilot and a flight instructor at the school. He has been teaching there for about two weeks. James has been in the Air Force for about 14 years as a Flight Engineer and a Flight Engineer Instructor. He became a pilot about 5 years ago and has been a flight instructor for about 3 years. James usually goes to work flight school from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. I noticed that he hadn't returned at 8:00 PM and I called him to tell him to say that I was waiting for him but he didn't answer. I sent him a text message and went to my friend's house. We were supposed to meet with friends so I left without him. While I was there I saw on

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[REDACTED]
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AFFIANT

Detective Francisco de Leon #7564
Name of Peace Officer and ID NO.: (printed)

[REDACTED]
Peace Officer in and for the City of McAllen,
Hidalgo County, Texas

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Peace Officer in and for the City of McAllen, Hidalgo County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Sandra Lorena Martinez Torres, who after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says:

My name is Sandra Lorena Martinez Torres and I live at [REDACTED]

I was born on [REDACTED] and I am 39 years old. My home telephone no. is [REDACTED] I am employed by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], located at [REDACTED] Telephone no. [REDACTED]

is [REDACTED] (Description: Male/Female, H [REDACTED])

On [REDACTED] at approximately [REDACTED] o'clock AM ☐ PM ☒

I wish to state that I have been married to my husband Hector Cantu Garza for fourteen years. Hector's date of birth is [REDACTED]. We live in Monterrey Mexico.

For the past two years Hector has been coming to McCreary Aviation to take classes how to fly.

This past weekend Hector, Hector's mom, our two kids and I came to Monterrey. We are staying at The Staybridge located at [REDACTED].

This afternoon at around 5:30 p.m. I dropped off Hector at McCreary Aviation located at 10th street and Wichita because Hector was going to take some flying course.

Hector met up with the person in charge of the aviation school. His name is Hector Zuniga.

After I dropped him off I went back to the hotel. Hector was suppose to call me when he was ready to get picked up. It is 1:22 a.m. and Hector has not called me.

I have called him several times to his phone [REDACTED] but he hasn't answered. I am worried for him. The name of the school is McAllen Aviation School.

The above statement is true and correct. I give this statement on my own free will. I wish to state that I do not read or write the English language. I give this statement in Spanish to Det. Xavier Solis of the McAllen Police Department who has taken this statement in English. Det. Xavier Solis has translated this statement to me in Spanish and I

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Affiant

Xavier Solis 6968
Name of Peace Officer & I.D. NO. (printed)


Peace Officer in and for the City of McAllen,
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fully understand what is contained in this statement

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APPLANT

Xavier Solis 6968
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